

June 21, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman
Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman
Chris Domangue
Ray Mayet
Lance Authement
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer
Barry Soudelier
Scott LeBlanc
Francis Richard

Absent were: Donald Schwab
Jake Giardina
Dale Dennis

Also present were: Josh Bordelon; Robert Mire; Henry & Hattie Templet, Bayou Rowing
Ryan Perque, FOBL; Miki Pfeffer
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Heather Armstrong, Admin.Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Chairman Hugh Caffery stated that public comments can be made at any time in the meeting prior to action on any agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of May 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Scott LeBlanc, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the finance report for May 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is syphoning and pumping, and Bayou operations are normal.

Commissioner Ray Mayet read Resolution No. 2021-01, in full, to adopt the Terrebonne Parish millage rate of 2.08 for the tax year 2021. He asked for any public comments on Resolution No.2021-01 and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to adopt Resolution No.2021-01. The roll was called and the votes were as follows: Yeas 9; Nays 0; Abstained 0; Absent 3. Resolution No. 2021-01 was passed unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated the Pump Capacity Improvements Project is still progressing and working through the mitigation process. Mr. Malbrough stated that he attended the Donaldsonville Town Hall meeting to address any concerns regarding the project.

Mr. Malbrough announced a Change Order No.3 for the Weir Removal Project that we will table until next meeting.

Mr. Malbrough discussed a survey proposal submitted by T. Baker Smith to perform channel cross section surveys in preparation of Phase 3 Dredging. He asked the Board for authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with T. Baker Smith not to exceed \$22,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to authorize Mr. Malbrough to negotiate with T. Baker Smith to perform the channel cross section survey in preparation of the Phase 3 Dredging, not to exceed \$22,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated he is asking for approval to ratify an agreement with FTN Associates to update Bayou Lafourche Hydrodynamic Model and analyze varying pumping conditions now that the Weir has been removed, amount not to exceed \$23,364.00.

Moved by Commissioner Lance Authement, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the agreement with FTN Associates to update Bayou Lafourche Hydrodynamic Model and analyze varying pumping conditions, not to exceed \$23,364.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the contract for sewer inspection services for the Bayou Lafourche Watershed, in conjunction with South Central Planning & Development (SCPDC) and BTNEP, with independent contractor Gavin Chauvin not to exceed \$31,500.00, and he recommended its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the contract for sewer inspection services for the Bayou Lafourche Watershed with Gavin Chauvin, not to exceed \$31,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan Perque gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche as follows:

- Nicholls Bayou side project moving along well
- Raceland Project – signing an agreement with the parish soon
- Melodia Boat Launch - RFQ submittal documents received
- Weir Removal Boat Parade – TBA
- Social Media - Podcast

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments.

Miki Pfeffer asked about setting a speed limit in the Bayou.

Mr. Malbrough stated he will reach out to the parish to seek a solution.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked a second time for any public comment.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer